

May 18, 1976

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

DCI 5/21/76

FROM

: Angus MacLean Thuermer
Assistant to the Director

This takes the same slant as the letter sent to the National News Council. We are faced with somewhat the same situation in that the editorial writers want to send a small delegation to you.

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Angus MacLean Thuermer

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May 18, 1976

Mr. John J. Zakarian
President
National Conference of Editorial Writers
1723 N Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20036

Dear Mr. Zakarian,

Thank you for your letter of May 10 enclosing the resolution approved by the National Conference of Editorial Writers.

From the wording of the resolution I gather the members of the board may not have been aware at the time of the complete text of my February 11th statement on this matter. I enclose it for your information.

I had hoped that our clarified position would relieve the minds of those in the field of journalism. It has reassured many with whom I have spoken privately. I trust that you are also aware that I have touched on the matter of journalists and intelligence during public talks before the recent ASNE meeting in Washington and in speaking to members of the Overseas Press Club in New York a fortnight or so ago.

I hope that you will understand that we feel that we are going to have to stand on the statement that has been issued.

Should it, however, raise additional questions, I will be glad to answer them or to arrange for you to meet with someone in the CIA who could discuss this matter in greater detail.

Sincerely,

/s/ George Bush
George Bush
Director

Enclosure

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Letter to John J. Zakarian.

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